



Fire & Life Safety Officer II (Division Of The State Architect)

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Department(s):	Dept of General Services
Opening Date:	9/21/2009 11:21:00 AM
Closing Date:	Continuous
Type of Recruitment:	Departmental Open,
Salary:	MONTHLY-RANGED-SALARY - \$7,472.00 to \$9,082.00
Employment Type:	Permanent Full-time Permanent Part-time Permanent Intermittent Limited Term Full-time Limited Term Part-Time Limited Term Intermittent

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WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications as stated below may apply for this examination at any time. Once you have taken the examination, you may not reapply for twelve (12) months. All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this examination announcement.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Final File Date: Continuous

Where to Apply:

Click on the link at the bottom of this bulletin.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

An open eligible list will be established for the Department of General Services. The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final scores regardless of test date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established. Competitors must then retest to reestablish eligibility.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this examination announcement. Candidates must meet these requirements at the time they apply.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Equivalent to graduation from an accredited four-year college with a major in fire service administration, fire protection administration and technology, fire science, engineering, architecture, chemistry, physics or a related field. (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.)

EITHER I

Two years of experience in the California state service in a position equivalent to a Fire and Life Safety Officer I (Division of the State Architect).

OR II

Experience: Four years of experience in either (1) building inspection in fire and life safety code compliance work, two years of which shall have been in one or a combination of the following: (a) the development and/or interpretation of code compliance policies and standards; or (b) the lead of a technical staff engaged in code compliance requiring the interpretation and application of fire and life safety codes, laws, rules and regulations; or (2) performing plan review, technical inspection and/or supervision of general construction projects including fire and life safety code compliance in a public agency such as building departments or fire departments for government agencies or a private company such as architectural and engineering firms. [Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must include at least two years with a level of responsibility equivalent to Fire and Life Safety Officer I (Division of the State Architect).]

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Under general direction, incumbents within an assigned geographical area are responsible for independently ensuring compliance with fire and life safety codes, regulations and standards as contained in Titles 19 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations; performing final plan review for fire and life safety compliance and personally resolving the most difficult fire and life safety problems encountered during plan and specification review. Incumbents review drawing and specifications for compliance with fire and life safety building regulations and standards as contained in Titles 19 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations; and perform inspection work on an as needed basis and advise building owners on alternate means of protection. Incumbents in this class provide consultation and technical assistance to the DSA plan review and field inspection staff on fire and life safety building standards. Incumbents may act as lead persons for Fire and Life Safety Officer I (Division of the State Architect) staff. Positions exist in various locations throughout the state.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The examination will consist of Training and Experience Evaluation weighted 100%. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

A. Knowledge of:

1. Plan review code applications.
2. General building code applications.
3. Basic engineering, architectural and building design practices and procedures.
4. Standards, methodology and terminology used in the building construction industry.
5. Code compliance in fire and life safety.
6. Fire protection equipment and systems.
7. Exiting systems.
8. Mechanical and electrical systems and components.
9. Standards and methods of construction.
10. Construction documents and reports.
11. Methods of conducting building construction inspections.
12. Titles 19 and 24, California Code of Regulations.
13. Fire Protection and Prevention standards established by nationally recognized agencies such as the National Fire Protection Association.
14. Building seismic components and installations.
15. Elevators and related components.
16. Emergency generating equipment.
17. Building emergency planning and signing.
18. Construction and operation of fire protection appliances and systems used in buildings.
19. Plan review techniques.
20. Construction and inspection of public school buildings.

B. Ability to:

1. Analyze situations accurately, reason logically and take effective action.
2. Check plans and specifications for design materials and code conformance.
3. Inspect facilities for fire and life safety code compliance.
4. Prepare clear and comprehensive correspondence and reports on investigations, inspections, and surveys.
5. Communicate effectively and make presentations.
6. Establish and maintain the confidence and cooperation of those contacted in the work.
7. Provide clarification and guidance regarding the application of codes, regulations, and laws.
8. Train lower level staff.
9. Prepare effective research and analytical reports.
10. Perform more complex review and inspection work.
11. Analyze alternative means of protection.

VETERANS PREFERENCE

Veterans' Preference credits will NOT be granted in the examination as it does not meet the requirements to qualify for Veterans' Preference credit.

CAREER CREDITS

Career Credits will be added to the final score of competitors who are successful in this examination.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Willingness to travel throughout the State or an assigned area of the State; reliability; tact; and keenness of observation; good memory for details; physical stamina necessary to perform the duties of the position.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

For an examination with a written feature, it is the candidate's responsibility contact the testing department three weeks after the Final Filing Date if he/she has received his/her notice.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her 3 days prior to their scheduled appointment due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. However, locations of interviews or performance evaluations may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Applications are available at www.jobs.ca.gov, State Personnel Board offices, and local offices of the Employment Development Department.

If you meet the requirements stated on this exam bulletin, you may take this examination which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the

eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The State Personnel Board reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, should the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules, and all competitors will be notified.

Candidates needing special testing arrangements due to a disability must mark the appropriate box on the application and contact the testing department.

Hiring Interview Scope: In a hiring interview, in addition to the scope described in this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight may be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience, and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development. For more information, you may refer to the classification specification - www.spb.ca.gov

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, the ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history, and fingerprinting may be required.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

Veterans' Preference Points: California Law (Government Code 18971-18978) allows the granting of Veterans' Preference Points in open entrance and open, non-promotional entrance examinations. Veterans' Preference Points will be added to the final score of all competitors who are successful in these types of examinations, and who qualify for, and have requested by mail, these points. **In open (only)** entrance examinations, Veterans' Preference Points are granted as follows: 10 points for veterans, widows and widowers of veterans, and spouses of 100% disabled veterans (5 points for widows, widowers, and spouses if the veteran was in the National Guard); and 15 points for disabled veterans. **In open, non-promotional** entrance examinations, Veterans' Preference Points are granted as follows: 10 points for veterans, and 15 points for disabled veterans. Employees who have achieved permanent State civil service status are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference Points. "Permanent State civil service status" means the status of an employee who is lawfully retained in his/her position after completion of the applicable probationary period. This includes permanent intermittent, part-time, and full-time appointments. In addition, individuals who at any time achieved permanent State civil service status and subsequently resigned, or were dismissed from State civil service are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference Points. Veteran status is verified by the State Personnel Board (SPB). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference Points are on the

Veterans' Preference Application (Std. Form 1093), which is available at www.spb.ca.gov or from the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

TAKING THE EXAM

When you click the link below, you will be directed to the Training and Experience Evaluation. At the end of the Training and Experience Evaluation, it will be instantly scored.

[Click here to go to the Examination for Fire and Life Safety Officer 2](#)